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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, X PLUS 69, APRIL 7, 1973

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

INCIDENTS DROPPED SLIGHTLY TO 23, INCLUDING 4 GROUND ATTACKS,
15 ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF), AND 4 MISCELLANEOUS. AS HAS BEEN THE
CASE FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS, FIRST DIVISION WAS THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT CENTER OF ACTIVITY, RECIEVING TWO GROUND ATTACKS AND
11 ABF' S. ACTION REMAINED LIGHT SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.
CORPS- WIDE, CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 5 KIA, 1 MIA, 43 WIA (20 BY
MINES); ENEMY 7 KIA. FIRENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 1,943
ROUNDS; 1,233(ALL BY FIRST DIVISION) NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS,
710 SOUTH.

2. ICCS:

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A. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN POLOFF APRIL 6, CANADIAN EXTAF OFFICER ERNEST HEBERT STATED THAT SINCE MARCH 18, ICCS REGION II HAD RECIEVED 12 REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ACT ON ANY OF THEM BECAUSE OF POLISH- HUNGARIAN OBSTRUCTIONISM. EACH CASE HAD REQUIRED A FOUR HOUR MEETING OF THE DELEGATION HEADS. HEBERT COMMENTED: " WE (THE CANDEL) ALREADY KNOW THEIR ARGUMENTS BY HEART BUT WE DON' T WANT TO GIVE THEM ANY EASY VICTORIES." HEBERT STATED THAT THROUGH THIS SERIES OF LENGTHLY MEETINGS THERE HAD BEEN SOME SLIGHT MODIFICATION OF POLISH- HUNGARIAN DEMANDS BUT THAT THEIR BASIC POSITION REGARDING ICCS PROCEDURES REMAINED UNACCEPTABLE TO THE CANADIANS. HE DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER.

B. ON APRIL 6, CANADIAN AND INDONESIAN MEMBERS OF ICCS REGION II IN DANANG TRAVELLED BY HELICOPTER TO DAI LOC AND DUY XUYEN DISTRICTS IN QUANG NAM AT THE INVITATION OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF. POLES AND HUNGARIANS AGAIN DECLINED THE INVITATION. COLONEL BAUMGART, SENIOR CANADIAN MILITARY MEMBER OF ICCS REGION II, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE TRIP AND PARTICULARLY THE FRANKNESS WITH WHICH ARVN OFFICERS HAD RESPONDED TO HIS QUESTIONS.

C. THE QUANG TIN PROVINCE CHIEF REQUESTED THE LOCAL ICCS TEAM INVESTIGATE A SMALL GROUND ATTACK LAUNCHED BY THE COMMUNISTS ON APRIL 3 AGAINST GVN OUTPOST NEAR BINH DINH VILLAGE IN THANG BINH DISTRICT. THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS REFUSED, BUT CANADIAN AND INDONESIAN TEAM MEMBERS DID VISIT THE SITE IN THE COMPANY OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF.

3. GVN JMC OFFICERS SAY ON

COLONEL DO TUNG, FORMERLY THE CHIEF OF THE GVN DELEGATION TO THE REGION II FPJMC, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM SAIGON. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN POLOFF, DO TUNG ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE ON AS SENIOR GVN ON TPJMC AND AS SENIOR LIAISON WITH ICCS IN MR I. (CONGEN COMMENT: COLONEL TUNG WON HIGH MARKS FROM HIS AMERICAN COLLEAGUES ON THE JMC FOR HIS ENERGY, INTELLIGENCE AND DETERMINATION IN CARRYING OUT HIS FRUSTRATING DUTIES ON THE FPJMC. END COMMENT.) DIRECTOR ARRO HUE UNDERSTANDS THAT COLONEL THUC, CHIEF OF THE GVN DELEGATION TO REGION II FPJMC WILL ALSO STAY ON WITH THE TPJMC.

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RM COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

ARVN G-3 REPORTED THE RELEASE OF 7 ARVN POWS SOUTH OF NGHIA
HANH DISTRICT TOWN IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE ON APRIL 6.
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